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Farmers will soon have the opportunity to set the record straight about the issues that affect them – and to help ensure that policies and programs are based on accurate, real-world data. This is the goal of the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beginning December 28, NASS field offices started contacting approximately 35,000 farmers nationwide by mail or phone to complete the survey. Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics.

CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES DECREASE

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for corn for January averaged \$3.35 per bushel, a decrease of \$0.16 from the December price. Soybeans were down \$0.52, to a January price of \$9.10 per bushel.

The all hog price for January was \$50.20 per cwt., an increase of \$2.80 from the December price. The all beef cattle price for January was \$75.70 per cwt., an increase of \$2.50 from the December price.

The all milk price for January, at \$16.50 per cwt., was down \$0.40 from December.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 137 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from December. The Crop Index is unchanged and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent).

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. Jan 2010 1/	-----Minnesota-----		
		Jan 2009 2/	Dec 2009 2/	Jan 2010 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu	4.38	3/	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	33.30	47.80	31.20	3/
Corn, bu	3.45	4.33	3.51	3.35
Hay, All Baled, ton.....	109.00	130.00	104.00	107.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	113.00	135.00	120.00	125.00
Other, Baled, ton.....	99.60	95.00	80.00	80.00
Oats, bu	2.19	2.14	1.96	2.00
Potatoes, cwt.....	7.19	7.40	7.25	6.80
Soybeans, bu	9.49	9.95	9.62	9.10
Sunflowers, All, cwt	14.80	28.50	21.20	21.70
Wheat, All, bu	4.79	6.71	4.74	4.69
Calves, cwt.....	109.00	105.00	107.00	109.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 4/	81.90	72.10	73.20	75.70
Cows, cwt, 5/	47.10	45.10	46.40	49.60
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	87.00	82.50	81.00	83.30
Milk Cows, head 6/	1,340.00	1,760.00	--	1,290.00
Hogs, All, cwt	47.30	43.40	47.40	50.20
Barrows & Gilts, cwt.....	47.80	43.40	47.50	50.30
Sows, cwt	37.30	45.20	31.50	36.90
Lambs, cwt 7/	--	100.00	95.90	--
Sheep, cwt 7/	--	29.00	46.20	--
Milk, All, cwt	16.50	12.90	16.90	16.50
Eggs, Table Market, doz.....	.91	0.93	8/	8/

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996. 8/ Prices no longer published at the state level.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010
Prices Received	135	139	135	137
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	179	180	179	183
Parity Ratio 1/.....	75	77	75	75

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Jan 2009 1/	Dec 2009 1/	Jan 2010 2/
All Farm Products.....	139	*135	137
Crops	161	*148	148
Meat Animals	106	*105	109
Dairy Products.....	102	*126	126
Poultry & Eggs	149	*140	150

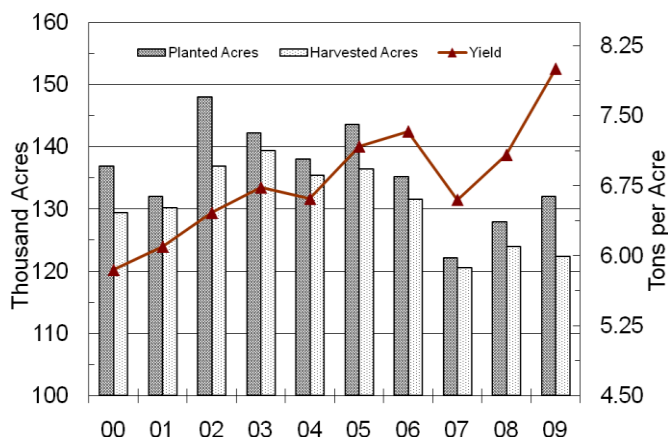
* Revised. 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

MINNESOTA SWEET CORN PRODUCTION IN 2009

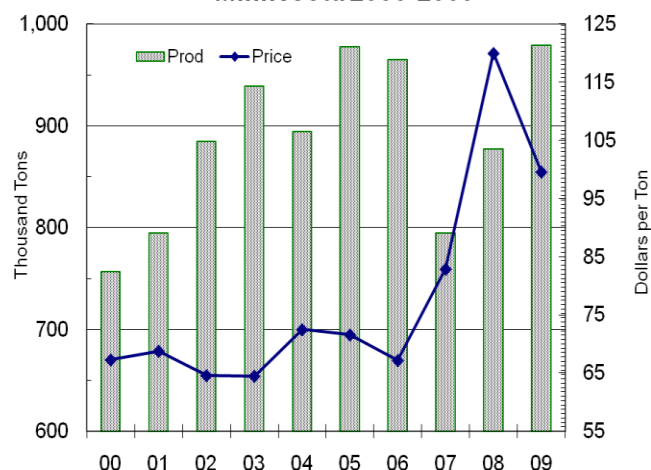
SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota's 2009 production was estimated at 979,250 tons, up 12 percent from last year's production estimate of 876,980. Timely rains and lack of prolonged heat produced the highest yield in 12 years. Planted acreage was estimated at 132,000 acres, up 3 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of 122,400 acres was 1,500 acres less than the previous year. Average value per ton was \$99.60, compared to \$120.00 in 2008. 1/

1/ Value includes price received by the producer plus expenses incurred by the processor to get the commodity to the processing plant door.

**Processing Sweet Corn
Acres Planted, Harvested and Yield
Minnesota 2000-2009**



**Processing Sweet Corn
Production and Price
Minnesota 2000-2009**



2009 PROCESSING PRODUCTION OF 8 SELECTED VEGETABLES UP 11 PERCENT FROM 2008

Processing production of 8 selected vegetables estimated in 2009 totaled 19.5 million tons, up 11 percent from last year. Area harvested is estimated at 1.26 million acres, up 3 percent from a year ago. Processing crop value is estimated at 2.10 billion dollars, 11 percent above 2008. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are tomatoes, sweet corn, and snap beans, which combine to account for 93 percent of the 8 processing crops estimated in 2009. The top three in terms of value of production, out of the 8 processed vegetables estimated in 2009, are tomatoes, sweet corn, and cucumbers. These three processing vegetables account for 83 percent of the total value when combined. For the 8 processed vegetables estimated in 2009, California leads the nation with 27 percent of the harvested acreage, 69 percent of the production, and 57 percent of the value.

Leading Processing Vegetable States in 2009 1/

Area Harvested			Production		Value	
Rank	State	Percent of Total	State	Percent of Total	State	Percent of Total
1	CA	26.6	CA	69.3	CA	57.2
2	WI	17.7	WI	6.4	MN	7.8
3	MN	16.2	MN	6.1	WI	7.5
4	WA	10.3	WA	5.4	WA	6.3
5	OR	4.9	MI	2/	MI	2/

1/ Lima beans, snap beans, carrots, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, peas, spinach, and tomatoes.
2/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORIES DOWN; MINNESOTA INVENTORY UP

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory was 2,420,000 head on January 1, 2010, up one percent from the January 1, 2009, inventory. The U.S. inventory, at 93.7 million head, was down one percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 850,000 head on January 1, 2010, down one percent from last year. Beef cows in the state, at 380,000 head, were down 3 percent and milk cows, at 470,000 head, were up 0.4 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 40.5 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 31.4 million head, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009, and milk cows, at 9.1 million head, were down 3 percent from last year.

	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES ^{1/}		
	(Thousands)		2010 as % of 2009	(Thousands)		2010 as % of 2009
	2009	2010		2009 ^{2/}	2010	
All Cattle & Calves	2,400	2,420	101	94,521	93,701	99
All Cows	860	850	99	41,045	40,456	99
Beef Cows	392	380	97	31,712	31,376	99
Milk Cows	468	470	100	9,333	9,081	97
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	545	570	105	19,576	19,666	100
Beef Replacement Heifers	95	95	100	5,531	5,436	98
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3,367	3,385	101
Milk Replacement Heifers	285	295	104	4,410	4,516	102
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2,909	2,941	101
Other Heifers	165	180	109	9,635	9,714	101
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	440	445	101	16,769	16,440	98
Bull 500 Lbs. & Over	40	35	88	2,184	2,190	100
Heifers, Steers, & Bulls Under 500	515	520	101	14,948	14,949	100
Cattle & Calves on Feed	280	290	104	13,856	13,642	98
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008 ^{2/}	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Calf Crop	840	820	98	36,153	35,819	99

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Small revisions of less than one-half percent were made to previously released inventory estimates by class and calf crop.

MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 7 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2010, sheep and lamb inventory was down 7 percent from last year, to 130,000 head. Breeding stock numbers were down 10 percent, at 92,000. The remaining inventory of 38,000 market lambs and sheep was down 3 percent from last year. Of the 38,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 37,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 7,000; 65-84 pounds: 6,000; 85-105 pounds: 12,000; over 105 pounds: 12,000.

Minnesota's 2009 lamb crop totaled 130,000 head, down 10 percent from the previous year. The 2009 lambing rate was 157 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2009, compared with 169 per 100 ewes in 2008.

MINNESOTA'S WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM 2008

Minnesota's 2009 wool output decreased 11 percent, with production totaling 830,000 pounds compared with 930,000 pounds in 2008. Minnesota is ranked 11th in 2009 U.S. wool production. The 130,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2009 were down 7 percent from 2008. Fleece weight averaged 6.4 pounds, down 0.2 pounds from the previous year. Value of the state's 2009 wool production was \$241,000, down 28 percent from the previous year's value of \$335,000. Average price per pound for 2009 was 29 cents, down 7 cents from the 2008 price.

DECEMBER EGG OUTPUT UP 4 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 244 million eggs during December 2009, versus 235 million in December 2008. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.83 billion eggs in December, up 1% from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS-DECEMBER

		<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Total Eggs Produced	MN	235 Mil.	244 Mil.
	U.S.	7,768 Mil.	7,831 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.1 Mil.	10.3 Mil.
	U.S.	340.3 Mil.	339.9 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,335	2,362
	U.S.	2,283	2,304
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (December)			
Egg-Type	MN	1.1 Mil.	1/
	U.S.	37.1 Mil.	39.7 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	779.3 Mil.	778.4 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	<u>2009</u> 8.0 Mil.	<u>2010</u> 7.9 Mil.
	U.S.	36.7 Mil.	38.9 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	29.1 Mil.	28.0 Mil.
	U.S.	630.2 Mil.	632.9 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (December)			
	WNC*	<u>2008</u> 9.5 Mil.	<u>2009</u> 9.5 Mil.
	U.S.	24.3 Mil.	22.6 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)			
	WNC*	<u>2009</u> 11.7 Mil.	<u>2010</u> 11.5 Mil.
	U.S.	29.7 Mil.	27.5 Mil.

1/No longer published.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

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MINNESOTA'S MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORY UP 10 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2010, meat and other goat inventory, at 22,000, was up 10 percent from the January 1, 2009, figure. The milk goat inventory, at 13,000, was up 13 percent from the 2009 figure, while angora goats, at 1,000, were unchanged from last year.

U.S. TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.53 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Does one year old and older, at 1.87 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. **Market goats and kids** totaled 518,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. **Kid crop** for 2009 totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.54 million head on January 1, 2010, down slightly from 2009. **Milk goat** inventory increased to 355,000 head, 6 percent above January 1, 2009, while **Angora goats** were down 19 percent, totaling 150,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2009 was 1.01 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 160,500 head. Average weight per clip was 6.3 pounds. Mohair price was \$2.66 per pound, with a value of 2.69 million dollars.

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